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SUBJECT: PRC RELEASE OF "WAR CRIMINALS"

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1. THE APRIL 3 CHINA NEWS CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON THE  
PRC RELEASE OF "WAR CRIMINALS" ENTITLED "PROPAGANDA  
PLOY". BECAUSE IT APPEARS IN THE LOW-CIRCULATION  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS WE DO NOT SEE ANY SPECIAL  
SIGNIFICANCE EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE ONLY REPORT ON THIS  
TOPIC SINCE MARCH 22 (SEE REF A).

2. A "CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE A SHAMEFULLY EASY TIME PULLING  
THE WOOL OVER THE EYES OF EVEN "CHINA EXPERTS."

B. RECENTLY THE PEKING REGIME PURPORTEDLY RELEASED  
293 "WAR CRIMINALS" IMPRISONED WHEN THE COMMUNISTS  
USURPED THE CHINESE MAINLAND A QUARTER CENTURY AGO.  
C. THOSE AMNESTIED WERE TOLD THEY COULD REJOIN THE

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REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN TAIWAN ANY TIME THEY WISHED. OR

SO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CLAIMED.

D. NOW SOME "CHINA WATCHERS" ARE DESCRIBING THIS AS  
A "SPECTACULAR GESTURE OF RECONCILIATION" WITH THE  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ON TAIWAN, AND ALSO AS PROOF THAT  
THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE RUNNING AN ORDERLY AND STABLE  
GOVERNMENT UNDER THE NEW "CONSTITUTION."

E. ONE PARAGRAPH OF ANALYSIS SAID PEIPING HAD PORTRAYED  
ITSELF AS "OPEN-MINDED" AND SHOWN A SPIRIT OF "GENUINE  
CONCILIATION."

F. TO CALL THIS DRIVEL AND HOGWASH IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.  
IT IS A PROPAGANDA PLOY ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES  
IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS  
HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME PARAGONS OF SWEETNESS AND LIGHT.

G. THE PROPAGANDA IS NOT ADDRESSED TO US. PEIPING  
KNOWS IT IS TOO RIDICULOUS TO BE BELIEVED BY THOSE WHO  
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

H. THESE 293 PRISONERS HAVE NOT BEEN SENT OUT TO  
HONG KONG WHERE THEY COULD TALK FREELY. THE COMMUNISTS  
DID NOT EVEN DARE PUT THEM ON DISPLAY.

I. IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE OF THEM SAID HE  
WANTED TO PROCEED TO TAIWAN. IT WOULD BE A MATTER OF  
LOBECTOMY FIRST AND TRAVEL AFTERWARD.

J. OUR ANSWER SHOULD BE REPETITION OF THE CHALLENGE  
WE MADE SOME TIME AGO. LET A FAIR-MINDED NEUTRAL  
COUNTRY CHOOSE 1,000 CHINESE FROM TAIWAN AND 1,000  
CHINESE FROM THE MAINLAND, EXCHANGE THEM AND ALLOW THEM  
TO LIVE FREELY FOR A YEAR UNDER NEUTRAL OBSERVATION.

THEN GIVE THEM FREE CHOICE OF DOMICILE.

K. WE WOULD WIN BY SOMETHING LIKE 999 TO 1.

L. THE CASE OF THE 293 PROVES ONLY THAT THE COMMUNISTS  
ARE AS DEVIOUSLY DECEITFUL AS EVER. WE REGRET THAT  
SOME OF THOSE WHO ONCE MISTOOK THEM FOR AGRARIAN REFORMERS  
ARE STILL SO EASILY DECEIVED."

3. FYI. PARA 2 C REFERENCE TO THE "REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
IN TAIWAN" IS THE FOURTH TIME THE CHINA NEWS HAS USED  
THIS FORMULATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, A  
CHARACTERISTIC, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, PECULIAR ONLY TO THE  
EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE CHINA NEWS. UNGER

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